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Whitehall, February 6. 1684.

ON Monday last in the morning our late Gracious Soveraign King *Charles* the Second was seized with a violent Fit, by which his Speech and Senses were for some time taken from him, but upon the immediate application of fitting Remedies He returned to such a condition as gave some hopes of His Recovery till Wednesday night, at which time the Disease returning upon him with greater violence, He expired this day about Noon. Upon which the Privy Council assembling His present Majesty made a most Gracious Declaration to them, and caused all the Lords and others of his late Majesty's Privy-Council that were then present to be Sworn of His Privy-Council; And ordered a Proclamation to be published, signifying His Majesty's Pleasure, That all Men being in Office of Government at the Decease of the late King, shall so continue till His Majesty's farther direction. And in the Afternoon the King was Proclaimed before *Whitehall-Gate*, at *Temple-Bar*, and the *Royal-Exchange*, with the usual Solemnity.

WHereas it hath pleased Almighty God to call to his mercy our late Soveraign Lord King Charles *the Second of Blessed Memory, by whose Decease, the Imperial Crowns of* England, Scotland, France *and* Ireland, *are solely and rightfully come to the High and Mighty Prince* James, *Duke of* York *and* Albany, *His said late Majesties only Brother and Heir. We therefore the Lords Spiritual and Temporal of this Realm, being here Assisted with those of His late Majesties Privy Council, with numbers of other Principal Gentlemen of Quality, with the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of* London, *do now hereby with one full Voice and Consent of Tongue and Heart, Publish and Proclaim, That the High and Mighty Prince* James *the Second, is now by the Death of our late Soveraign of Happy Memory, become our only Lawful, Lineal, and Rightful Liege Lord,* James *the Second, by the Grace of God King of* England, Scotland, France *and* Ireland, *Defender of the Faith, &c. To whom we do acknowledge all Faith and constant Obedience, with all hearty and humble Affection: Beseeching God by whom Kings do Reign, to Bless the Royal King* James *the Second with long and happy years to Reign over us.*

God Save King JAMES the Second.

W. Cant.
Guilford *C. S.*
Rochester *P.*
Halyfax *C. P. S.*
Norfolke.
Somerset
Albemarle
Beaufort
Shrewsbury
Kent
Huntingdon
Pembroke
Salisbury
Bridgwater
Westmorland
Manchester
Peterborow
Chesterfield
Sunderland
Scarsdale
Clarendon
Bathe
Craven
Ailesbury
Litchfield
Feversham
Nottingham
Berkeley
Murray
Middleton
Fauconberg
Newport
Weymouth
Lumley
Clifford
H. London
N. Durham
Tho. Roffens
North and Gray
W. Maynard
Cornwallis
Arundel
Godolphin
Drummond
J. Ernle
Tho. Chicheley
L. Jenkins.

JAMES R.

FOrasmuch as it hath pleased Almighty God lately to call unto his infinite Mercy the most High and Mighty Prince, King Charles *the Second of most Blessed Memory, the Kings Majesty's most dear and most entirely beloved Brother, by whose Decease the Authority and Power of the most part of the Offices and Places of Jurisdiction and Government within this Realm, and in the Realm of* Ireland *did cease and fail, the Soveraign Person failing, from whom the same were derived. The King's most Excellent Majesty in His Princely Wisdom and Care of the State (reserving to His own Judgment hereafter, the Reformation and Redress of any Abuses in Mis-government, upon due Knowledge and Examination thereof) is pleased, and hath so expressly signified, That all Persons that at the time of the Decease of the late King His dearly beloved Brother, were Duly and Lawfully Possessed of, or Invested in any Office, or Place of Authority or Government, either Civil or Military, within this Realm of* England, *or in the Realm of* Ireland, *or in any other His Majesty's Dominions belonging thereunto; And namely, all Presidents, Lieutenants, Vice-Presidents, Judges, Justices, Sheriffs, Deputy-Lieutenants, Commissioners of Musters, Justices of Peace, and all others in place of Government, either Meaner or Superior, as aforesaid; And all other Officers and Ministers, whose Interests and Estates in their Offices are determined, or ceased by the means aforementioned, shall be, and shall hold themselves continued in the said Places and Offices, as formerly they held and enjoied*